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SHADRACH RICE.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 648.]

DECEMBER 26, 1856.

Mr. FLORENCE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the memorial and papers of Shadrach Rice, of the county of Jackson, in the State of Virginia, submit the following report:

It appears by the memorial and accompanying declarations that Shadrach Rice, now in the 86th year of his age, enlisted on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1792, under General Wayne, and served for three years; that he was in the engagement at Fort Recovery, and also in the battle at the rapids of Maumee. During the term of the service referred to, in an engagement with a party of Indians, Shadrach Rice received a severe and dangerous wound from the hands of an Indian, who thrust his knife through Rice's body, entering below the collar bone and coming out on the back of the shoulder. He never entirely recovered from the effect of this wound. Being able, however, to maintain himself, he never before applied for a pension. Advanced age has increased the disability from the effects of the wound, and he is now helpless nearly, and consequently in the evening of his life penniless. In view of his valuable services to the country, and believing him justly entitled to the generous consideration of the government and country, for which he underwent severe hardships and suffered so much, your committee report the accompanying bill, giving a pension of eight dollars per month for the term of the natural life of Shadrach Rice, to commence from the 15th day of October, 1855, the period at which satisfactory proof of his services was completed.